

Who We Are:

The Bonneville Power Administration was formed in 1937 by Congress to market and transmit power from the federal dams on the Columbia River. Named after the first federal dam on the Columbia, Bonneville's power marketing headquarters is in Portland, Oregon. Transmission headquarters will soon be located in Vancouver, Washington. Bonneville was built in the Northwest to serve the Northwest.

Bonneville is part of the U.S. Department of Energy. Unlike most federal agencies, We are self-supporting. We pay bills not through taxes, but by setting rates and charging for sale and transmission of electricity. We are nonprofit. But we look for opportunities to increase the use of assets built with federal funds.. We use part of our revenues to protect and enhance the environment. As a federal agency, we give the public a platform for their interests and concerns related to transmitting power. We hold a public trust for a safe and reliable transmission of power. We offer direct access to decision-making through open public reviews of all major policies and actions. We also conduct environmental reviews on new actions.

We have invested \$4.2 billion in transmission facilities. These deliver 22,700 megawatts of total system capacity and create about \$500 million a year in revenues from sale of transmission services.

You Can Rely On Us:

BONNEVILLE'S TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE operates one of the NATION'S LARGEST high-voltage transmission capacity. We own three-fourths of the Northwest's high voltage. Our flexible system provides safe, reliable and environmentally-sensitive transmission to all users — 24 hours a day. Our rates are among the lowest in the western U.S. Our grid gives you CONNECTIONS to transmission systems from the Northwest to Canada, California and the inland Southwest. Our partnerships with other utilities can give you ACCESS to low-cost power markets throughout the west. Independent reviewers consistently give Bonneville high marks for our RELIABLE service. Bonneville has been an internationally recognized leader in engineering INNOVATIONS.



We get you Connected:

We get you connected. Bonneville's Transmission business owns 15,012 circuit miles of high-voltage line, more than all other utilities in the Northwest combined. Lines network across 300,000 square miles in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and sections of Wyoming, Nevada, Utah and California. They are strategically located to reach all sectors of the Northwest — from direct service industries to private and public utilities — with the potential to access 95 percent of the Northwest's 10 million population. This huge federal highway for electricity gives you tremendous flexibility to reach markets and serve your customers.



Want to go further? No other regional entity has our stature to sign international and inter-government agreements. Bonneville is unique in our ability to underwrite large-scale, long-term projects, such as high-voltage Interregional transmission lines.



Relationship with others:

Through strategic relationships with neighboring transmission partners, we can connect you to any point throughout the west. We have direct links to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, Montana Power Company, Idaho Power Company, and to many public and private utilities in California. Our internal transmission lines allow you to sell power to other regions and pull in power when you need it. Other arrangements can be made for connections to Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico.

You deserve access. Utilities want immediate transmission service at the best price. They want an open transmission highway that treats all users fairly. Bonneville has been a leader in adopting the rules shaping the wholesale transmission industry. We were the first public agency in the nation to offer power users direct access to transmission information through the Internet and our Open-Access Same-Time Information System — also called OASIS. Users can reserve capacity 24 hours a day based on comparable tariffs posted on the page. To register on OASIS, refer to our OASIS home page and follow the registration procedures.

Tap into our Internet site at:
<http://tbl/OASIS/BPAT/>

We also provide OASIS services to other transmission owners so they can display capacity available on their systems.

You Want Fast Response?

Account teams focus on your needs with customized services. They can help you find the most cost-effective way to move power — between cities, states, even between nations. Fully integrated transmission scheduling, dispatching and customer servicing provides you one-stop shopping, saving you time and money.

Quick Decisions:

Quick decisions and simplified contracts are designed to get the job done and get you on your way.

We know how important it is to have a reliable partner who can transmit your electricity to where you want it, when you want it. Reliability has been second only to safety at Bonneville. We built a base upon which many others built their systems. We added the protection of extra capacity, computers, communication and dispatch systems. And we are the only utility in the entire Northwest with a back-up control center fully capable of dispatching the transmission system in the event of a catastrophe. The strength of this system has given us some of the best reliability statistics in the nation — and a history of exemplary service.

The strength of our system gives you service when you need it. Sixty years of technological achievement at Bonneville have brought innovations to the electrical industry. In 1970, we flipped the switch on the first high-voltage direct-current transmission system in the west. Our engineers originated the designs for double-circuit 500-kV lines, single-pole relaying and power flow programs. Now all these are industry standards. Bonneville has one of most sophisticated computer systems of handling any commercial transaction for transmission or power, and complete with several back-up systems for security. Bonneville ushered in early warning systems to detect and correct back-up systems for security.



Cont. Quick Decisions:

Bonneville ushered in early warning systems to detect and correct transmission problems in a fraction of a second across thousands of miles. When arctic cold and high demand for electricity threatened Seattle in 1989, Bonneville worked with area utilities to prevent a collapse of the power system. We built facilities, innovative controls and pioneered new uses for static var compensators to support voltage. Groups as close as Portland and as far away as Paris have sought our technical expertise.



Megawatts:

We have been part of the economic health of towns and industries throughout the Northwest for six decades. Our vast transmission system and network of interconnections have attracted business and industry to the region and turned desert-dry areas of the region into rich agricultural centers. As electricity becomes the currency of the future, Bonneville is playing an important role in making the region a competitor in global markets.



We are also concerned with the region's environmental health. We respond quickly to public requests for less intrusive tower designs. We promote more efficient use of electricity. We have flexed our transmission system to save metropolitan areas from disastrous floods. Yet we have kept rates low and competitive. Our goal is to keep transmission rates flat into the next century — despite inflation and wage increases — without sacrificing quality.

Bonneville is the Northwest's most strategically positioned, interconnected transmission provider. Our low-cost system, with our proven track record of partnership and achievement, gives you the most value for your energy dollar. We are dedicated to packaging the right transmission products and services for your needs.

We can turn your possibilities — into performance

Tap into our Internet site at:

<http://www2.transmission.bpa.gov>

For information call, Transmission Reservations Desk (360) 418-8499 Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time or talk to your contact on our sales team.

For more information about Bonneville, call our document request line: 1-800-622-4520.

You can rely on us.